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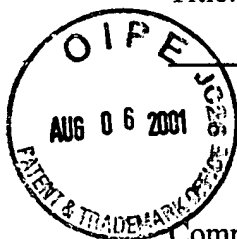
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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for review in connection with the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant requests that a copy of the 1449 form, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, be returned with the next official communication.

The attached references were discovered as a result of a Search Report in a related co-pending foreign patent application. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the documents and the International Search Report.

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Applicant respectfully request consideration of these references during prosecution of the above-identified matter. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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